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# Radiologic Sciences 2016 HSC Self-Study & Documents

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**Sent by US Mail and Email**

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Dear Ms. Trujillo:

The Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology (JRCNMT) received the report of the site evaluators who visited the nuclear medicine technology program sponsored by the University of New Mexico. The following preliminary report is provided for your information and review.

If you believe that this report contains factual errors with respect to any noted deficiencies in compliance with the *Standards*, you should submit a response to the JRCNMT on or before **March 21, 2016** so the Review Team can assess the response prior to the board making an accreditation decision. Your response should apply to the findings as they related to the program at the time of the site visit and must include evidence demonstrating that a deficiency was cited in error. The response should not include changes implemented as a result of the site evaluation or this letter.

Review of the self-study and site visit report noted the following:

**Program Strengths**

1. The program has dedicated and supportive nuclear medicine physicians.
2. There is a collegial relationship in the College of Medicine, where this program is located.
3. There is a strong commitment to the program by the Program Director and faculty, with collaboration among health sciences faculty.

**Suggestions to Enhance Program Effectiveness**

1. Consider conducting a review of the high turnover rate of program faculty, including the Program Director position, to determine the root cause of the issue so methods to improve faculty retention can be identified and implemented.

**Deficiencies in Compliance with the Standards**

The on-site evaluation team did not identify any deficiencies in program compliance with JRCNMT accreditation standards.

Accreditation would be based on the condition that the maximum capacity of 7 students would not be exceeded in the clinical phase of the program. The approved student capacity for each clinical affiliate is identified below. The capacity is based on current staffing levels and volume of procedures performed. An arranged clinical capacity, noted as "arr @" in the table, means students are assigned to the facility for a special-focus rotation of limited duration. Arranged capacities are not included in the calculation of a program's total clinical student capacity. Where clinical affiliates are shared with other educational programs, it is the responsibility of the program directors to ensure clinical assignments do not exceed the approved capacity at these affiliates.

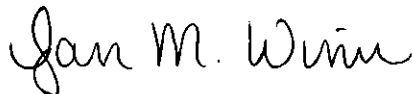
<b>Affiliate</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Student Capacity for This Program</b>
Presbyterian Hospital - includes Presbyterian Heart Group	Albuquerque, NM	2
Raymond G Murphy VAMC	Albuquerque, NM	2
University of New Mexico Hospital - includes OSIS Center	Albuquerque, NM	3
<b>Total program capacity</b>		<b>7</b>

This letter of findings is provided for your input should you feel there are inaccuracies that you wish to address prior to the board's review of the report. Opportunity to undertake and report corrective actions pertaining to deficiencies is provided after the board issues the accreditation action.

The accreditation action on this program will be taken at the April meeting of the JRCNMT Board of Directors. The accreditation action letter will be sent to Chancellor Roth and copied to you within 30 days after the meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the summary report or about your response, should you choose to submit one.

Sincerely,



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